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## Up to the Minute

### SPORTING NEWS

#### From Everywhere.

## CARDS, POOR BET

Few Diamond Critics Can See  
the St. Louis Nationals.

Huggins, However, Has Some  
Good Material on Squad.

BY JACK VELOCK.

New York, March 7.—The St. Louis Cardinals will open the season rated as "selling platters" by most of the critics. They will be "long odds" for a first division finish to any of the sportsmen who want to back them, for on paper they are one of the weaker clubs in the senior league.

But the status of any ball club on paper and the capers it may cut in a championship race are often two vastly different things. The Braves of 1914 furnished a vivid example.

Miller Huggins and his athletes have a long, hard row to hoe in bettering their position in National league company. They finished the season of 1916 tied with the Reds for the sub-cellar berth. They simply did not have the punch after the first few weeks of the season and their prospects for 1917 are none too brilliant.

During the winter Manager Huggins wore out more shoe leather than any other National league pilot in hunting for players. But Huggins really big deals, for rival managers would talk nothing but trades in which Huggins's best bets figured, and "Hug" could not see himself parting with his standards.

Huggins a fighter.

Much talk of new ownership for the Cards has been another draw-

back to Huggins, and, all in all, the scrappy little leader of the Mount City outfit has had to stand some discouraging bumps from his critics. But Huggins is a fighter, and he is going out this year to make a valiant attempt at instilling real fighting spirit into his players.

It appears that the morale of the Cardinals is in need of a thorough house cleaning. The club lacked glee in developing several of its recruits and getting away to a good start in the coming race, who knows but what the downtrodden Cardinals may find themselves "True, they are scarcely a strong enough combination to be contenders for the pennant, but they will make a hard fight to get out of the rack is certain, for a last place club has every incentive to better itself, and a few good breaks in the coming season may find them in the Cards."

Bill Doak, Leo Meadows and Leon Ames form the backbone of Huggins's pitching staff, and all three are respected by National league batsmen. If some of the other twirlers will come thru for Huggins the team will be able to start the season with a fairly balanced sharp-shooting corps.

Material Not Bad.

With Roger Hornsby, Betzel and Miller of last year's infield as a nucleus, Huggins has been busy in recruiting who will fight it out for the shortstop job, while Becher, Long, Wilson and Smith will make up the outfield squad.

If Huggins is given free rein to run his club this season, the chances of uplifting the Cards will be greatly enhanced. The scrappy little pilot has been held down for several years and there are a good many baseball critics who firmly believe that what he needs most of all to assist in building up a winner is a clean path ahead. Huggins has been a conscientious and hard-working manager, and he deserves every year more than he has had for several years past.

It is a toss-up now as to what the Cards will accomplish next summer, and, although they don't look like first division prospects now, it will be no judgment to pick them for a last place finish.

## HOLD DRILL CONTESTS

Baseball Players Are to Take Their  
Military Training Seriously.

Chicago, Ill., March 7.—Baseball clubs of the American league, now receiving military instruction in the southern training camps, are to compete for drilling honors. Capt. Franklin R. Kenney, United States army, in command of recruiting in the central department of the army, announced.

Captain Kenney said that President E. B. Johnson of the American league, originator of the military training plan for ball players, had offered a \$500 prize to the best drilled team in the league, and a prize of \$100 to the drill sergeant who instructed the winning players. The military training plan for ball players already has spread to other leagues. The Milwaukee and Indianapolis clubs are among the American association teams that have taken up the movement.

Drill sergeants will be taken to the spring training camps to instruct the players.

## TWO HARNESS MEETS.

Omaha Gets Into Racing Game in Big  
Way This Season.

Omaha, Neb., March 7.—Two harness racing meets will be staged in Omaha this summer, according to an announcement made by the Omaha Driving club. This city was recently named by the Great Western circuit as a member of the circuit and the week of August 29 was allotted for races here. The other race week—that of June 7—is to be devoted to the Tri-State association. Work of kindred kind the Omaha Driving club grounds will begin as soon as weather permits. New stables are to be added and the track is to be made over.

Other dates on the Great Western circuit are: Peoria, week of August 6; Burlington, August 13; Des Moines, August 27; Hamilton, September 3; Milwaukee, September 7; Peoria (second meeting), September 21; Sedalia, September 24.

Scharfenburg to Leavenworth.  
Leavenworth, Kan., March 7.—Paul F. Scharfenburg, a private in the First Minnesota infantry, reported convicted for furnishing military information to Germany, is expected at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth with the next batch of prisoners from the Mexican border.

St. Joseph Gets "Babe" Adams.  
St. Joseph, Mo., March 7.—Charles E. (Babe) Adams, recently pitched star for the Pittsburgh National league team and hero of the world's series in 1909, has signed a contract to play with the St. Joseph Western league team this season.

John Wilson Quits Baseball.  
St. Paul, Minn., March 7.—John Wilson, the outfielder traded to St. Paul by the St. Louis Nationals for Walter Cruise, has decided to quit the game and will not report to the local club, according to a letter received from him.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

### WILL NOT FORGET

#### NAPOLEON LAJOIE

Napoleon Lajoie, who will manage the Toronto International league club this year, will not be forgotten by the American league, with which he played for many years. President Johnson informed Lajoie that he had arranged with the Toronto club for a special day on which to honor the big Frenchman. One of the American league teams will play an exhibition game with the Torontos on that occasion present from the club owners in Johnson's circuit in recognition of his past services. Lajoie wound up his major league career last fall after playing 21 consecutive years in fast company.

Aggies Win the M. V. Title.  
Columbia, Mo., March 7.—Kansas State Agricultural college won the Missouri Valley basketball championship by defeating the University of Missouri five, 32 to 27, in their second game here.

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## WE LOW TO SCOTT!

McDougall of Summer Teaches  
Topekans a Lesson.

He Puts Thru Bill for State  
House Improvements.

REBUILD ENTIRE EAST WING

Dome Will Be Flooded With  
Bright White Lights.

At Last Kansans May Be Proud  
of Their Capitol.

Ed McDougall, the strong, big man of Sumner county, friend of Topeka and Kansas, has won his big fight of the present legislative session.

He landed the appropriation to rebuild the east wing of the state house and to flood light the state house dome. Members of the Shawnee county delegation in the state legislature have for years dreamed of such improvements, but their greatest efforts never landed them so far as first basis.

It was the big Scot from south Sumner county who brought thru the legislature a bill providing for the rebuilding of the east wing of the state house improvements. That was every cent McDougall had asked in his original bill. His appropriation was cut to \$53,000 by the house ways and means committee. It passed the house in that form. Then the senate boosted the appropriation back to the original figures. When the measure came back to the house, McDougall came to the legislature from a sick bed and made the fight of his life. He won a call of the house and the repairs of which Topeka and thousands of Kansans have dreamed, are a reality.

Rebuild East Wing.

Under the bill the east wing of the state house will be rebuilt and fire-proofed, the east steps rebuilt, walls of the new wing water-proofed and the state house dome flood lighted. Two years ago the legislature smashed all records for generosity when they gave \$50,000 for a whitewash and appropriated \$10,000 for the state fair. In landing the white way, Topeka entered into a perpetual contract to furnish the juice and cancelled a just paying claim for \$30,000. This year McDougall came to the legislature from foreign parts to land an indoor demonstration how to land appropriations—a system unknown in Topeka political schools.

Johnson is Favored

Wallace County Representative En-  
dorsed for Ass't Bank Commissioner.

Scores of legislative members and several hundred prominent Kansas bankers have endorsed Wallace county representative from Wallace county, as assistant state bank commissioner. More than 100 house members have within the last few days endorsed Johnson for assistant under Senator Walter E. Wilson of Washington county, appointed by Governor Capper to succeed W. E. Benson of El Dorado as state bank commissioner.

Johnson is one of the strong backbones in the Kansas legislature. He has been in the legislature for many years and is a member of the Citizens' State bank of Sharon Springs and is regarded as one of the expert bankers of the state. Johnson is cashier of the Sixth district. His strong endorsements have made him a formidable candidate for the place and many legislative members have personally gone before Governor Capper to urge his appointment.

The Wallace county representative is serving his second term as a member of the legislature. He is a Republican and one of the strong members in the majority in the house. During both terms as a member of the legislature, Johnson has held a place on the house committee on banks and currency. He was also appointed to the chairmanship of the committee and has directed the big bank fights on the floor of the house.

GOOD ROADS DINNER

Highway Agreements at Chamber of  
Commerce Affairs for Legislature.

Good feeling over the fact that Kansas will be at last on the good roads map of the country owing to the good roads enactments of the present legislature pervaded the complimentary luncheon given by the legislators at the Chamber of Commerce, by the Kansas Good Roads association last night. Legislation seekers and legislative makers were for once in accord.

E. C. McNeerney of Topeka, who stated in his talk that only one more bill was needed to make the good roads program complete. This is house bill No. 251, now pending in the senate, in which provision is made for building roads on lines where a town is on one side and a township on the other, or in small incorporated towns.

Those who responded to toasts last night were Lieut. Gov. W. Y. Morgan, Speaker Pro Tem W. A. Layton, A. Bardwell, chairman of the house roads committee; E. C. McNeerney, Sen. Robert B. Barr, chairman of the senate roads committee; C. W. Black of Council Grove, and E. R. Moses of Great Bend. Speaker Keene and Governor Capper were unable to attend.

The governor was represented however by a letter in which numerous and sundry thanks were handed to both houses of the legislature.

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## EDWARD CARROLL DEAD

Well Known Leavenworth Banker Was  
One Pioneer of the State.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 7.—Ed-  
ward Carroll, one of the most promi-  
nent pioneer Kansans and president  
of the Leavenworth National bank,  
died at his home here Tuesday night.  
He was seventy-five years old.

Mr. Carroll came to Kansas before  
the Civil war and engaged in the mer-  
cantile business. He has been promi-  
nent both in politics and business.  
Four times he was a member of the  
legislature and at one time was col-  
lector of internal revenue for Kansas.  
He was one of the organizers of the  
Leavenworth National bank and was  
its directing head from its infancy.

POTTS DRUGGED?

Friends Learn More About Mys-  
terious Disappearance.

The Confidence Men Got Only a  
Part of His Money.

Emporia, Kan., March 7.—Back  
among friends and loved ones, the  
Rev. Louis M. Potts, pastor of the  
First Methodist church here, is today  
fasting and praying for the hard-  
ship endured during his recent  
mysterious disappearance, and slowly  
his friends are piecing together the  
chain of events that happened to him  
during his strange and unremembered  
journey in the south, west and  
Canada.

Doctor Potts was brought back to  
Emporia Tuesday by H. W. Fisher and  
W. L. Huggins, who met him in Kan-  
sas, where he had been brought by  
a detective from Canada. It is be-  
lieved by friends that his mysterious  
disappearance began January 24 and his  
long wanderings during which his  
family knew nothing of his where-  
abouts, was the result of foul play  
met at the hands of supposed friends  
who were, in reality, swindlers.

Altho Doctor Potts is apparently in  
a normal condition, he is still unable  
to remember the details of his life  
while he was away, and for this reason  
it is believed that he was under the  
influence of drugs most of the  
time. However, he is able to remember  
anyone he failed to find it. That  
these that the unusual story is being  
gradually made plain.

Met Con Men in K. C.

After leaving here to go to New  
Orleans to consummate a real estate  
transaction, Doctor Potts met a man  
he had previously known in a slight  
way at Excelsior Springs, Mo. He told  
the man of his intended trip to New  
Orleans and of his business deal. The  
man was at the Union station and was  
apparently, accidental.

This man, it seems, knew the New  
Orleans man, Doctor Potts was to  
succeed W. E. Benson of El Dorado as  
state bank commissioner. He felt sure  
he would be able to make a good  
deal as the man was in financial  
straits. Doctor Potts and the man  
went to the hotel together and the  
man advised him to have cashed a  
draft for \$7.50 which he had in his  
pocket before leaving Kansas City.  
This he did.

Dr. Potts met his New Orleans man  
at Memphis and they went on to the  
Crescent City where they examined  
some papers and the man said he re-  
members nothing of what transpired  
until he found himself on a South-  
west Pacific train at Tucson, Ariz.  
Again he lost track of things and the  
next thing he remembers is his stay  
in San Francisco, after which he went  
to Vancouver, British Columbia.

While in Vancouver he recovered  
his memory sufficiently to write to  
Mrs. Potts and tell her that he was  
going to Calgary and it was as a result  
of this letter that led the family to  
know he was still alive and to know  
where he was.

One strange part about the whole  
affair is that the confidence men, al-  
tho they apparently had him in a  
helpless condition for days, did not  
get all his money. The exact amount  
they got has not been ascertained,  
but a considerable sum was still in  
his clothes when he was brought back  
here.

FOUR "OYSTER" MONTHS.

It's Not Safe to Eat Them Every  
Month With "R." in It.

Lawrence, Kan., March 7.—The old  
idea that the oyster season included  
all months in which there was an "r"  
is too broad. Students in food bac-  
teriology in the University of Kansas  
have been experimenting with oysters  
and have learned that the safest time  
to eat raw oysters is in November, De-  
cember, January and February.  
Oysters in between these months and  
there are fewer bacteria in the shells.  
Students found that shell oysters con-  
tain fewer bacteria than "shucked"  
oysters. The oyster season is not  
killed in making oyster stew because  
the process of barely curling the edge  
of the oyster when it is put into hot  
milk, a few minutes does not destroy  
disease-producing bacteria in the  
oyster. Escalloped or fried oysters  
are much more likely to be free of  
harmful bacteria.

Oysters are contaminated by grow-  
ing or "floating" them in waters con-  
taining sewage from neighboring cities.

NEW ACHILLES STORE.

Rawlins County Town Is Rapidly Be-  
coming a Business Center.

Achilles, Kan., March 7.—This sec-  
tion of Rawlins county has settled up  
so rapidly that McKinley & Son, gen-  
eral merchants of Atwood, have put  
in a new store, and will carry about  
an \$8,000 store. Achilles is located in  
the Northrup valley, in a thickly  
settled community, where they raise  
stock and grain. It is twenty miles  
to Atwood, sixteen miles to Herndon  
and twenty-five miles to Colby.

There has been a hardware and  
general store here for several years.  
A railroad was surveyed from Oberlin  
to Achilles several years ago. Big  
crops have usually been raised in this  
section of Rawlins county.

COURTLAND IS BOOMING.

New Garage and Store Building Are  
Now Under Construction.

Courtland, Kan., March 7.—With  
the coming of spring a building boom  
has started in Courtland. A Ford  
garage 50x100 at the north end of  
Main street, facing the Rock Island  
highway, is under construction. A  
store building 50x70 feet with base-  
ment is also under way.

Both store and garage are fireproof  
and modern in every respect. These  
buildings will be completed within the  
next two months.

## FIGHT TO KILL IT

Representative Noble Is Against  
Utilities Commission.

Labette Man Calls It "The Pub-  
lic Useless Commission."

ONLY A "POLITICAL MACHINE"

It Affords No Relief to Ship-  
pers, Noble Declares.

Would Serve in Legislature  
Without Salary for Chance.

If he came to the legislature in  
1919—and it is quite probable he will  
come if he be a candidate R. M.  
Noble of Labette county, will fight to  
abolish the public utilities commission.  
Noble declared today he would give  
his winter's salary as a lawmaker for  
an opportunity to wipe the commis-  
sion off the map.

In the judgment of the member  
from Labette county, the J. L. Bris-  
tow commission should be listed as  
the "public useless commission,"  
rather than under its present title. He  
declared that the commission is not  
only one of the most expensive bur-  
dens in the state, but likewise one  
of the most worthless and useless. Ex-  
cept to promote political activities,  
Noble believes the state commission  
has accomplished nothing.

"You don't know how glad I would  
be for an opportunity to vote to abol-  
ish the state public utilities commis-  
sion, or the useless commission as it  
should be termed," said Noble. "I  
don't know of anything I could do in  
the legislature that would give me  
greater pleasure. If I really thought  
I could cast the deciding vote to put  
the commission out of business, I  
would gladly give up my salary for  
the entire legislative session and serve  
for nothing."

Useless and Useless.

"In my judgment the state has no  
commission which is more worthless  
or useless. I think I have kept it  
fairly close to the mark. It is the  
work of the commission. But if it has  
established one principle or laid down  
one rule that has been of benefit to  
anyone, I have failed to find it. That  
commission costs the state of Kansas  
thousands of dollars a year. And what  
does it do? It rides up and down the  
state on railroad tracks and gives jobs  
to a lot of people and helps to build up  
a political machine that simply wouldn't  
be tolerated if it didn't give jobs to  
the facts. I sincerely hope the time may  
come when I shall have an opportu-  
nity to vote to abolish the commis-  
sion. It seems to me the legislature  
could not serve the people better."

Noble is a stockman and banker at  
Bartlett, Kansas. He is serving his  
third term as a member of the legisla-  
ture from his district.

"This talk about relief to the ship-  
pers through the state commission is  
simply bunk of the worst kind," said  
the Labette county representative. "If  
the commission ever afforded relief to  
anyone, I don't know who was looking  
when it was done. And yet, I am ad-  
vised the state spends \$50,000 a year  
or more to keep up a political ma-  
chine under the guise of a commission  
that affords relief to the shippers and  
persons who have business with the  
public utilities and common carriers  
of the state."

FETE FOR BURBANK, 68

Celebrate Plant Wizard's Birthday at  
Oakland by Setting Out New Dahlia.

Oakland, Cal., March 7.—Luther  
Burbank, the wizard of Santa Rosa  
is 68 years old today. In celebration  
of the event Oakland has virtually de-  
clared a holiday; and most of the  
population will gather to attend the  
setting out of Burbank's Oakland  
dahlias, said to be the largest white  
dahlias ever produced.

Burbank's Oakland dahlias  
henceforth will be Oakland's official  
flower. A bulb from the new dahlia  
will be presented also to each of the  
other 27 cities in the United States  
named Oakland. This will be Oak-  
land, California's return of the compli-  
ment paid by the other Oaklands in  
presenting her each with a live oak  
tree to be planted beside Oakland's  
official oak in City Hall Plaza.

Announce "Sinkings" Weekly.

Rome, March 7.—Hereafter Italy  
will adopt the plan of her allies